

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): SMITH

Appln. No.: 09

422,398

Serial No. ↑

Group Art Unit 2851  
 Examiner: H. NGUYEN  
 Atty. Dkt. P 283617 P-0276.010-US  
 Client Ref:

Filed: October 21, 1999  
 Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT LETTER

Date: March 8, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEES REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously		For B & C See Remarks Section Paper (Pat-256)		Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims		15	**minus	56	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203	
3. Independent Claims		2	***minus	6	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202	
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....			add			+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0	104/204	
5. Original Due Date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE									
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =			+ \$0		115/215	
		(2 mos)	\$400/\$200 =					116/216	
		(3 mos)	\$920/\$460 =					117/217	
		(Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos)	\$1,440/\$720 =					118/218	
		(Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980 =					128/228	
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract					- \$0				
8.			Extension Fee Attached			+ \$0			
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee					+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0		148/248	
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), or if Rule 97(d) Request		add	+ \$180		+ \$0		126		
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11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)			+ \$740/370		+ \$0		146/246		
12. No. of additional Inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)			x \$740/370 ea		+ \$0		149/249		
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			+ \$740/370		+ \$0		1179/1279		
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0				
15.			TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =			\$0			

16. \*If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".  
 17. \*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
 18. \*\*\*If the "Highest number previously paid for" in this space is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

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(Our Order No. 81468 283617

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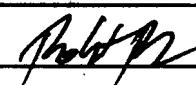
CHARGE STATEMENT: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which shall have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under Rules 16-18 (missing or insufficient fees only) now or hereafter relative to this application and the resulting Official Document under Rule 20, or credit any overpayment, to our Accounting/Order Nos. shown above, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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NOTE: File this cover sheet in duplicate with PTO receipt (PAT-103A) and attachments